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TOP SECRET Air Force Depot in Strausberg

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REMARKS

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1. Between 23 February and 31 March 1952, the following trucks were observed in the former rolling mill on Hegermuehlenstrasse in Strausberg (D 53/V 15), which is occupied by an air aforce depot:

loaded with crates

loaded with old tires

loaded with old tires and, another time, with crates

with trailer, being loaded with crates in the depot. Each crate was 1.5 meters high, 1 meter wide on top and 2 meters wide at the bottom.

loaded with new tires

picked up eight 200-liter barrels

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[REDACTED] loaded with crates

[REDACTED] was being loaded with electrical equipment in the depot

[REDACTED] with a trailer, loaded with one crate 1.2 x 1 x 1 meters and one crate 1.2 x 1.4 x 1.5 meters

[REDACTED] loaded with 30 containers, each holding about 5 liters

[REDACTED] was being loaded with a crate 1 x 1.2 x 1.5 meters, probably containing a transformer, and about 30 cable reels

[REDACTED] loaded with about 30 crates, each 50 x 50 x 60 cm, containing electric motors

[REDACTED] loaded with empty wooden barrels

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[REDACTED] loaded with 6 zinc containers, about 80 cm high and 35 to 40 cm in diameter, observed twice heading toward the town

[REDACTED] loaded with crates which were unloaded in front of the storehouse for electrical equipment

[REDACTED] loaded with tires, observed twice entering the depot

[REDACTED] loaded with large crates

Civilian truck [REDACTED] of Siemens Plana firm, Berlin-Lichtenberg, arrived at the depot with German workers and a crate, about 2 x 2.5 x about 3 meters, with a Russian inscription. The crate contained a transformer of about 150 kva.

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2. A large quantity of material arrived by rail. On 28 February, ten signal trucks arrived at the depot. 50X1-HUM
3. The depot was occupied by about 20 officers, about 8 women ranking as officers, and about 100 PW, who wore black-bordered blue epaulettes and air force insignia. The officers were billeted in the settlement north of Elisabethstrasse. Of the 34 two-and-a-half-room flats only 14 were occupied and the rest was vacant. The younger officers were billeted in groups of three or four in one flat. Three field officers have so far been observed. 50X1-HUM
4. From engine noises heard, [redacted] there was an aircraft engine test stand in the southern section of the depot. [redacted] aircraft engines have recently been overhauled and that aircraft wings have been painted in the air force depot and the former aircraft repair shop. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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5. [redacted] the former rolling mill is now a central air force materiel depot, i.e. a distribution point for aircraft engines, aircraft parts, and tires for aircraft and motor vehicles. [redacted] aircraft equipment was dispatched to Gernsheim (U 53/V 06), Berstenwalde (U 53/V 33) and Kuestrin (O 53/V 66). [redacted] 50X1-HUM
6. On 15 February, the German manager of the canteen opposite the entrance to the depot had to vacate within a few hours because the house was allegedly required for other purposes. [redacted] Germans were no longer employed in other canteens. Only three Germans still worked in the former aircraft repair shop and no Germans were employed in the air force depot. It appeared that more Germans were to be dismissed. 50X1-HUM

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